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MEMORANDUM FOR: Herbert E. Meyer
Vice Chairman, National Intelligence Council

FROM: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Estimate Schedule

1. On this estimate schedule--the Chinese Nuclear estimate looked quite finished to me, and I wonder whether we can't get that in on 14 or 21 June. I went over the project monitoring reports carefully. I'd like to see the Andropov draft if it is available. I could read it on my trip [redacted] leaving at noon on Monday. 25X1

2. I was shocked to see [redacted] listed as not yet started since we have been talking about it for more than half a year. 25X1

3. I would like to see this information in another format. There would be a table listing the estimates, and for each estimate in separate columns Item 1, Item 4, Item 5, Item 6, Item 8, and Item 10. You will see that what I want is to be able to look down and see how long it takes to move the projects through each successive step, how they lag and why they lag, and how this varies with the complexity of the subject. Also, the drafter should be indicated for each.

4. I don't understand why it sometimes has taken three months to get a TOR coordinated, as it did with the ASEAN estimate, nor do I understand how it takes over three months to get an estimate like the Colombian Drug Trade drafted and up to the NFIB. We need to maintain a closer watch on how these things progress and how having a scorecard available will help accomplish that.

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